



CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD SCOUT PARLIAMENTARY UNION

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DEFINITION

Article 1 The World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) is an independent Association of Parliamentarians, functioning according to Fundamental Scout Principles expressed in the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

AIM

Article 2 The aim of the WSPU is to establish an international network of parliamentarians to support, at their level, the various aspects of WOSM activities, whether nationally or internationally.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3 WSPU is composed of National Scout Parliamentary Associations (NSPA) which have been accepted as members by the General Assembly on the following conditions:

- (1) The NSPA has been properly constituted as a representative body of Members of the national legislative body, interested in supporting Scouting; the NSPA shall have the approval of the recognized National Scout Organization. Each country shall decide for itself the form, name and administration of its NSPA.
- (2) Only one NSPA from any country can be recognized for membership in WSPU.
- (3) The NSPA subscribes to the aim of WSPU as set out in article 2.

TASKS

Article 4 The tasks of WSPU are:

- (1) To establish liaison and cooperation between NSPA of all countries.
- (2) To encourage the creation of such NSPA in counties where they do not exist.

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- (3) To promote friendship amongst individual members of NSPA, throughout the world.
- (4) To work closely with the World Organization of the Scout Movement in areas of mutual benefit, including WOSM's relationships with governmental organizations.
- (5) To help National Scout Organizations in their action to support the development of Scouting in their own countries.

ORGANIZATION

Article 5 The organs of WSPU are :

- (1) the General Assembly
- (2) the Executive Committee
- (3) the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Article 6
- (1) Members of the General Assembly are the delegations of the NSPA.
 - (2) The General Assembly meets once every **three** years or as the Executive Committee decides.
 - (3) Observers may attend upon the invitation of the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Article 7
- (1) The Executive Committee consists of **5 to 12 members** from different countries elected by General Assembly and of one additional member designated by the World Scout Committee. It meets once a year to implement the decisions of the General Assembly.
 - (2) Members of the Executive Committee serves between the General Assemblies, **renewable once; except President and Vice-President in order to make effective transition and keep continuity of the union.**
 - (3) Members of the Executive Committee must be active parliamentarians in their respective countries. If they lose their parliamentary seat at home, they can stay members of the Executive Committee until the end of their WSPU mandate, but cannot stand for re-election.

- Article 8
- (1) The outgoing Executive Committee shall present the incoming Executive Committee including **the President of WSPU and maximum of three Vice-Presidents** from the presented incoming Committee. The General Assembly



confirms the appointment of Executive Committee including President and Vice-Presidents.

- (2) The Executive Committees can appoint a **Treasurer** and the President can appoint a **Secretary General**.
- (3) The President of WSPU will chair the Executive Committee and General Assembly.
- (4) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Secretary and decide on the location of the Secretariat, of which the Secretary will be responsible.
- (5) The Executive Committee may invite any competent person whose presence it deems useful to participate in one or more of its meetings as a consultant and without vote.
- (6) **The Executive Committee may appoint honorary positions when necessary.**

Article 9 In the interval between the meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee may accept resignations and fill vacancies in its elected members until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

Article 10 A regional organization may be established by the NSPA's concerned, in agreement with the Executive Committee.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Article 11 The official languages of WSPU are English and French.

Article 12 Only recognized NSPA's may vote and take part in elections.

Each NSPA's has six votes. When attendance is not possible, proxies are allowed. Any one NSPA may not act as proxy for more than two other NSPAs. In the Executive Committee each member has one vote. A member may act as proxy for two other members. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the Members present or represented and voting. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.

FINANCES

Article 13 Each NSPA contributes by an annual fee, if so decided by the General Assembly. Then its criteria and amount are fixed by the General Assembly.

Article 14 The Secretary and the Treasurer are responsible for the administration of the budget. They present their accounts to an auditor nominated by the Executive Committee.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURE

Article 15 All matters not settled by the present Constitution will be dealt with on the basis of the WOSM Constitution, *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 16 The Constitution may be amended by the General Assembly by a 2/3 majority of the vote cast.

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TRANSITORY MEASURES

Article 17 The present Constitution enters into force upon its adoption by the Constituent Assembly, except for the following transitory measures:

- (1) The election of the Executive Committee members according to art, 7 and 8, will take place for the first time at the first time at the first ordinary General Assembly, in principle in 1994.
- (2) The eight Founding Members (see annexed list) and a representative of the NSPA organizing the first ordinary General Assembly will function as Executive Committee until the first ordinary General Assembly.